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June 9, 2008

Dear New Jersey Black Sea Bass Permit Holder:
New Jersey Black Sea Bass Dealer:

As of June 9, 2008 the Division of Fish and Wildlife has determined that approximately 78,444 pounds of black sea bass have been landed since the April 16 – June 30 directed season opened on April 16, 2008. Based upon this information and pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-18.12(h), the New Jersey directed black sea bass fishery will be closed as of 8:00 PM Thursday, June 12, 2008.

Effective 8:01 PM, June 12, 2008 no vessel shall land or possess and no dealer shall accept any black sea bass in excess of the daily by-catch trip limit of 50 pounds from June 12, 2008 through June 30, 2008 or until such time as the seasonal by-catch is projected to be taken. By-catch landings may not exceed ten percent, by weight, of all species landed and sold.

The directed black sea bass fishery will re-open on July 1, 2008 with a 1,000 pound trip limit with a maximum of three landings per week or 1,500 pound trip limit with a maximum of two landings per week. If you have any questions, please contact the Bureau of Marine Fisheries at 609-748-2020.

Sincerely,

David Chanda
Director

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